



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/509,656 Confirmation No. : 2287
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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Processing Apparatus

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 28, 2006, the period for response having been extended to April 28, 2007 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. *No additional claims fees are due.*

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.